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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EXTENDS INVITATIONS TO REGIONAL
ANTI-DRUG SUMMIT, MARCH 15, 2007

REF: SEARBY-BULLEN E-MAIL 2/8

1. On February 8, AmEmbassy Santo Domingo received a diplomatic note covering a series of letters from the Dominican Foreign Ministry inviting U.S. participation in a Dominican-hosted regional anti-drug summit on March 15, 2007. Per REF A, duplicate invitations were extended to the Department by Dominican DCM on February 8 and are in the possession of WHA/CAR.

2. Invitations were similar in substantive aspects, were dated February 2, 2007, and directed to the following: Secretary Condoleezza Rice, ONDCP Director John Walters, DEA

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Administrator Karen Tandy, U/S Nicholas Burns, NSC Western Hemisphere Director Dan Fisk, A/S Tom Shannon, INL DAS Christy McCampbell, and INL/LP Kevin Brown. Embassy translation of invitation text follows:

Begin text. In the name of his excellency, President Doctor Leonel Fernandez Reyna, I have the honor of extending to (you) a cordial invitation to participate in the Regional Anti-Drug Summit between Columbia, Jamaica, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic, to be celebrated in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on March 15 of this year.

The problems that affect our region as a consequence of the increase in trafficking and use of drugs demand a shared vision and responsibility, as well as national policies capable of confronting this attack. In this respect, your participation in this Presidential Summit would contribute to the formation of a common front that will permit for our peoples a future free of drugs.

(Secretary Rice only: Up to this moment we have confirmed the presence of his excellency, the President of Columbia, Dr. Alvaro Uribe, the President of Haiti, Rene Preval, and we are awaiting the confirmation of the Prime Minister of Jamaica for this important event.)

I wish to take this opportunity to present to (you) sentiments of my highest esteem and consideration. End text.

¶3. Embassy has requested a complete list of non-USG invitees from the office of Deputy Secretary of State for Political Affairs Alejandra Liriano.
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